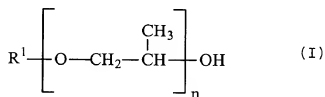


IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10-11 and 13-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, comprising a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel and an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



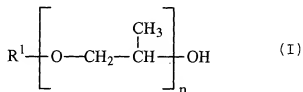
where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl.

3. (Amended) A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, containing a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, comprising an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of an additive combination comprising

i) at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



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where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl;

ii) at least one detergent additive, selected from a polyaklyamine additive of the formula II



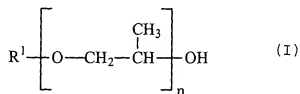
where R² is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000;

if required in combination with at least one lubricity additive.

7. (Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising at least one polyaklyamine additive of the formula II, where R² is a radical derived from identical or different C₂-C₃₀-alkenes.

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8. (Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains, as an additive of the formula II, at least one polyisobutenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

10. (Amended) A fuel additive mixture which contains, as intake valve cleaner component, at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



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where

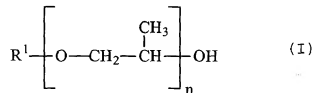
n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl,

if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

11. (Amended) A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, further containing a polyalkylamine, wherein the fuel additive mixture contains the at least one propoxylate additive and the polyalkylamine in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to 10:1.

13. A fuel additive mixture formulated as an additive concentrate, comprising as an intake valve cleaner component at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



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where

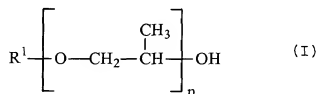
n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl,

if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

14. (Amended) A method of improving the intake system cleaning effect of a fuel composition for internal combustion engines, the method comprising providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of a propoxylate additive of formula I

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where

n is an integer of from 10 to 20 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl.

Please add new Claims 15-16 as follows:

~ 15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the propoxylate additive is provided in combination with at least one detergent additive.

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16. (New) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₁₃-alkyl.
